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SUBJECT: TERRORIST THREAT U.S. BUSINESS FIRMS ARGENTINA

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1. ON AUGUST 5, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF A MAJOR U.S. COMPANY FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING TO THE RSO: (A) THAT AN OFFICER IN A GOA SECURITY UNIT (UNIDENTIFIED) HAD REVEALED TO HIM ON JULY 30, THAT BETWEEN THE PERIOD 19-22 AUGUST, TERRORIST ELEMENTS WOULD BE EXTENSIVELY ACTIVE. THEIR PLANNING INDICATES THAT A MAJOR PORTION OF THEIR EFFORT WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST U.S. BUSINESS FIRMS AND OTHER INDUSTRIES. THE TERRORISTS WILL ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER THE FACTORIES AND AFTER GAINING CONTROL, WILL BLOW UP MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE FACTORIES TO PREVENT PRODUCTION. (B) ON AUGUST 1, SECURITY PERSONNEL AT THE COMPANIA ARGENTINA DE CEMENTO PORTLAND, S.A. - SIERRAS BAYAS PLANT, OBSERVED A MALE INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHING THE PLANT WITH A MOVIE CAMERA EQUIPPED WITH A TELEPHOTO LENS. LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES WERE INFORMED BUT WERE UNABLE TO APPREHEND THIS PERSON. (C) BASED ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN (A) AND (B) THE PROTECTIVE FORCE AT THE SIERRAS BAYAS PLANT HAS BEEN INCREASED BY 25 INDIVIDUALS POSSESSING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR MILITARY EXPERIENCE.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES INFORMATION

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WHICH INDICATES POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING THE
AUGUST 22 DATE WHICH WOULD BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMEMORATING
THE TRELEW MARTYRS WITH ACTS OF REVENGE.

3. THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT ARE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE
INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD NOT BE REVEALED TO FOREIGN NATIONALS
INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOA.
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